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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN HOPES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 28 ON FORTH-
COMING US/JAMAICA DISCUSSION, MFA DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
PICKERSGILL ADDRESSED SOME OF THE SUBSTANTIVE HOPES OF THE
GOJ SIDE. PICKERSGILL SAID THAT JAMAICANS ARE CONCERNED OVER
A COMMENT MADE BY SECRETARY VANCE IN COURSE OF VANCE/PATTERSON
TALK IN MARCH. VANCE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD PATTERSON
THE "THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE
IMF". SOME OFFICIALS HAD INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THAT THE
U.S. WAS SIMPLY URGING JAMAICA TO ACCOMMODATE FURTHER TO
IMF REQUIREMENTS. OTHERS HOWEVER INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN
THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN BALANCE OF PAY-
MENT SUPPORT FOR JAMAICA SINCE THIS IS ESSENTIALLY AN IMF
FUNCTION." PICKERSGILL SAID THE JAMAICAN TEAM IS
HOPING THIS LATTER INTERPRETATION IS INCORRECT. HE
SAID THE JAMAICAN SIDE HAS THE HOPE AND, IN FACT,
THE EXPECTATION THAT THE U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO
GO BEYOND TRADITIONAL FORMS OF AID-TYPE BILATERAL
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ASSISTANCE AND HELP JAMAICA WITH SOME OF THE MORE
DESPERATELY URGENT SHORT-TERM REQUIREMENTS FACING
THE COUNTRY. PICKERSGILL SAID THE JAMAICAN SIDE HAD
BEEN TRYING TO FIND A PREVIOUS CASE IN WHICH THE U.S.
HAD BEEN FACED WITH DEVELOPING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR A COUNTRY FACING A SHORT TERM SITUATION SUCH AS
THAT IN JAMAICA. THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

PICKERSGILL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS LACK OF PRECEDENT WOULD NOT FORECLOSE SOME MORE IMMEDIATE FORM OF U.S. ASSISTANCE.

2. IN RESPONSE EMBOFF NOTED THAT PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING U.S. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE HAD TO SATISFY THE U.S. DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PROCESS AND WOULD NECESSARILY TAKE SOME TIME. IN ADDITION, IT SEEMED UNLIKELY THAT U.S. TEAM COMING DOWN ON BASICALLY EXPLORATORY MISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. EMBOFF REVIEWED AGREED TERMS-OF-REFERENCE FOR THE TEAM WITH PICKERSGILL.

3. PICKERSGILL WAS UNDETERRED BUT NOTED THAT JAMAICA HAD LEARNED THAT COMECON PROCEDURES WERE EVEN MORE CUMBERSOME THAN THOSE OF THE U.S. HE SAID THERE IS NO REALISTIC EXPECTATION ON ANYONE'S PART THAT COMECON WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH JAMAICA CAN DRAW DOWN OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR MORE. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH COMECON APPEAR TO BE FAR LESS LIKELY THAN THEY ONCE DID. THERE IS A TOTAL INCOMPATIBILITY OF PRODUCT LINES. EFFORTS TO IMPORT PHARMACEUTICALS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE FAILED BECAUSE EASTERN EUROPEAN PHARMACOLOGY IS BASED ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGY THAN THE BRITISH SYSTEM IN EFFECT IN JAMAICA. OTHER AREAS SUCH AS BARTER TRADE AND BAUXITE/ALUMINA SALES OFFER SOME MINIMAL POSSIBILITIES OVER THE LONGER RUN BUT EVEN THEY ARE BE-

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SET BY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

3. ON SUBJECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, EMBOFF ASKED PICKERSGILL IF HE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHERE PRIME MINISTER MANLEY WAS EXPECTING TO GET THE 200 MILLION DOLLARS HE REFERRED TO IN HIS APRIL 22 SPEECH. PICKERSGILL SAID THE FIGURE HAD NOT BEEN ARRIVED AT BY ADDING UP ALL THE POTENTIAL DONORS, BUT RATHER, IT HAD COME FROM THE BUDGET. A ROCK-BOTTOM BUDGET HAD BEEN PREPARED AND IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT IN ORDER TO FUND THIS BUDGET, IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO FIND AT LEAST 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND THAT IS HOW THE FIGURE WAS DEVELOPED. DORRANCE

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